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Mightier than the Sword

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Harry Rositzke knows that if he hadn't spent 25 years as an officer in the CIA, he might now be branded a "pinkie" or a product of "Soviet disinformation."

But with impeccable credentials as the first CIA officer to run espionage operations against the Soviet Union, Rositzke speaks his mind without fear. In 1970 Rositzke retired to his farm in Middleburg, Va. to read, to think and to write. His most recent book is *Managing Moscow: Guns or Goods?*

"After 25 years of 'fighting the Russians' in the CIA, and 10 years on a Virginia hilltop watching detente slide into confrontation," Rositzke writes, "it is my conviction that the long-term Soviet threat to the American interest is not military but political and economic."

As Rositzke sees it, the U.S. mistakenly continues "to stick to the outworn formula of buying our security and our interests abroad with guns—and more guns. We respond manfully to the Soviet military threat with more and better missiles, with a rapid deployment force, with Pershing missiles to Western Europe.... And yet, with all our muscle, we are unable to diminish the threat of Soviet power. We have been reduced, from Afghanistan on, to punishing the Russians for their actions. And punishment, we have learned, does not deter."

His solution: a forward American economic strategy. It's time for the U.S. to use its economic clout to stop the Russian advance in the developing world. By fully using our technology, our productive capacity, our grain and the American dollar to advance our security and prosperity, Rositzke believes we would be using the one weapon in which we are far superior to the Soviet Union.

CC: You have a degree from Harvard in German linguistics and you taught at Harvard, the University of Omaha and the University of Rochester. So how did an academic like you get involved in intelligence operations?

ROSITZKE: I got started during World War II. I was handling all the agent reports from Western Europe, France and the lowlands before D-Day and that got me immediately into the business of seeing what secret agents could contribute. Some of these people contributed greatly in terms of reporting the movement of German divisions to the beachheads before and after the invasion. I think probably the real reason I stayed

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